

Appl. No. 09/871,886
Amdt. Dated February 3, 2006

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REMARKS:

This is in response to the interview between the applicant's attorney and Examiner Duong on February 2, 2006. The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies and assistance provided through the interview process. The following includes the applicant's summary of the interview and a statement of common ownership requested by the Examiner. Should any issues remain in this application, please contact the undersigned attorney at the number set out below.

The interview discussed the patentability of the pending claims. More specifically, the interview discussed the relevance of U.S. Patent No. 6,880,007 to Gardos, et al, which is assigned to Register.com, the assignee of the present application. The applicant pointed out that the Gardos patent does not teach or suggest the use of a "text string command message" sent from a front-end domain manager to a back-end domain manager to change domain name information. This simple command protocol uses reduced bandwidth and makes it easier to provide domain name management options through different types of environments.

The applicant also pointed out that the Gardos patent cannot be applied as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103 due to the common ownership of the inventions of the Gardos patent and the inventions of the present application at the time that the inventions of the present application were made. The Examiner asked that the applicant make a written statement to that effect and that statement is included below.

During the interview, the Examiner commented on certain language choices in independent claims 1 and 15. Applicant amends these claims to address these comments.

The interview identified U.S. Patent No. 6,880,007 as prior art in the context of 35 U.S.C. § 103 against the present application. Applicant states that the inventions of U.S. Patent No. 6,880,007 and the inventions claimed in this

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application were commonly owned by Register.com, the assignee of that patent and this application, at the time that the inventions of the present claims were made. Consequently, U.S. Patent No. 6,880,007 is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4670 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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